

CLAIMS

1. A garment hanger (10) having at least one arm (12) connected to a suspension portion (11), the garment hanger comprising a first moulded portion (20), forming a first proportion of the at least one arm and the suspension portion, mated and joined to at least a second moulded portion (40), forming a remaining second proportion of the at least one arm and suspension portion, to form a hollow, enclosed monocoque structure.
2. A garment hanger as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first proportion (20) is substantially a half.
3. A garment hanger as claimed in claims 1 or 2, wherein, in use, the first portion (20) is an upper portion of the garment hanger and at least one of the portions of the at least a second portion (40) is a lower portion of the garment hanger.
4. A garment hanger as claimed in claims 1 or 2, wherein, in use, the first portion is a front or rear portion of the garment hanger and at least one of the portions of the at least a second portion is a rear or front portion of the garment hanger, respectively.
5. A garment hanger as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein the first portion (20) is welded to at least one of the portions of the at least a second portion (40).
6. A garment hanger as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the first portion (20) is joined to at least one of the portions of the at least a second portion (40) by adhesive.
7. A garment hanger as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the first portion (20) is joined to at least one of the portions of the at least a second portion (40) by cooperating clip means (80) on the first portion and on the at least one of the portions of the at least a second portion.
8. A garment hanger as claimed in any of the preceding claims, comprising bar means (50) substantially horizontal in use for supporting a garment thereby.
9. A garment hanger as claimed in claim 8, wherein the bar means (50) is an extruded bar.
10. A garment hanger as claimed in claims 8 or 9, wherein the bar means comprises a bar at least partially coated with a non-slip material having a higher coefficient of friction than material of the bar.

11. A garment hanger as claimed in claim 10, wherein the bar is coated on an upper, in use, surface.
12. A garment hanger as claimed in claims 10 or 11, wherein the bar is coated on at least one substantially vertical, in use, surface.
- 5 13. A garment hanger as claimed in any of claims 8 to 12, wherein the garment hanger has two opposed arms (12, 13) and the bar means (50) passes through apertures (42) in the opposed arms of the garment hanger such that opposed ends of the bar means are each located within the garment hanger.
- 10 14. A garment hanger as claimed in any of claims 8 to 13, wherein an upper face of the bar means is substantially convex and a lower face is substantially planar.
15. A garment hanger as claimed in any of the preceding claims, comprising two opposed arms (120, 130) and loop engaging means (930) for supporting a garment from a loop thereby.
- 15 16. A garment hanger as claimed in claim 15, wherein the loop engaging means comprise a respective loop engaging means (930) in a respective cavity (900) in each of the opposed arms (120, 130).
17. A garment hanger as claimed in claim 15, comprising bar means, wherein the loop engaging means comprise a respective loop engaging means in respective cavities in the bar means proximate respective opposed ends of the bar means.
- 20 18. A garment hanger as claimed in any of the preceding claims wherein the garment hanger is at least partially of translucent or transparent material.
19. A garment hanger as claimed in any of the preceding claims comprising alignment means (819, 829) for aligning the first portion with at least one of the portions of the at least a second portion for joining the first portion to the at least one of the portions of the at least a second portion.
- 25 20. A garment hanger as claimed in any of the preceding claims comprising engagement means (730) for engaging suspension means of a further garment hanger for suspending the further garment hanger from the engagement means.
- 30 21. A garment hanger as claimed in claim 20, wherein the engagement means are located in the suspension portion (110).

22. A garment hanger as claimed in claims 20 or 21, wherein the engagement means are hook means.
23. A method of manufacturing a garment hanger having at least one arm connected to a suspension portion, comprising the steps of:
- 5 a. moulding a first portion (20) of the garment hanger (10) comprising a first proportion of the at least one arm (12) and suspension portion (11);
- b. moulding at least a second portion (40) of the garment hanger comprising a remaining second proportion of the at least one arm and suspension portion; and
- 10 c. joining the first portion (20) to the at least a second portion (40) to form a hollow enclosed monocoque structure.
24. A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein the first proportion is substantially one half.
25. A method as claimed in any of claims 23 to 24, wherein the step of joining the first portion (20) to at least a second portion (40) includes at least one of adhering,
- 15 welding or connecting with cooperating clip means located on the first portion and on at least one portion of the at least a second portion.
26. A method as claimed in any of claims 23 to 25 wherein the garment hanger has two opposed arms (12, 13), comprising the further steps of:
- 20 a. providing apertures (42) proximate outer extremities of the arms;
- b. providing bar means (50); and
- c. inserting the bar means through the apertures such that when the first portion is joined to the at least a second portion opposed ends of the bar means are located within the garment hanger.
27. A method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the step of providing bar means comprises extruding a bar.
- 25 28. A method as claimed in claim 27, wherein the step of extruding the bar includes co-extruding a non-slip coating on the bar.
29. A method as claimed in any of claims 23 to 28, wherein the step of moulding at least a second portion (400) comprises moulding loop engaging means (930) in the
- 30 at least a second portion.

30. A method as claimed in any of claims 23 to 29, wherein the step of moulding at least a second portion (400) comprises moulding engagement means (730) in the at least a second portion for engaging suspension means of a further garment hanger for suspending the further garment hanger from the garment hanger.
- 5 31. A method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the step of moulding engagement means comprises moulding engagement means in the suspension portion (110).
32. A method as claimed in claims 30 or 31, wherein the step of moulding engagement means comprises moulding hook means.